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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/919,356	Applicant(s) TAKATSUKA ET AL.	
	Examiner John B. Walsh	Art Unit 2151	

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 January 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-16 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 17-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 17-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by EverQuest PC online role-playing game.

As concerns claim 17, a program information supply method in supplying programs consisting of information registered in program information files transmitted from a server to each user's computer program execution system and information held in said computer program execution system, said method comprising: producing object data multiple characters (multiple game characters created by game engine) to be displayed on a monitor (user's monitor) of said computer program execution system; producing movement data (game engine updates position data for the characters to provide movement in the game) for each sequence of said multiple characters that appear in the multiple sequences that constitute said program; and recording on a recording medium (CD-ROM, hard drive of user's PC) distributed to each user said object data of said multiple characters and movement data for each sequence (data stored on CD-ROM or hard drive).

As concerns claim 18, a program information supply method according to claim 17, further comprising producing multiple background images (game has background images which are displayed during the game) to be displayed in said multiple sequences, and recording on said

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recording medium background images (CD-ROM or hard drive, will contain multiple files for background images) selected from the produced multiple background images.

As concerns claim 19, a program information editing method, in editing a program consisting of information registered in program information files transmitted from a server (game server) to each users computer program execution system and information held in said computer program execution system, said method comprising: determining a combination of multiple sequences that constitute said program and registering information on the sequences relating to said combination in a program information file (state of the world information); selecting contributed texts (text sent via chat in game) sent from each user and extracting the contributed text to be announced in each sequence and; registering the extracted contributed texts in the information of the sequence that corresponds to said contributed texts among the information of the multiple sequences registered in said program information files (text received via chat which is part of state of world information which is changing/updating).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claim 20 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over EverQuest PC online role-playing game as applied to claim 19 above in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,332,143 to Chase.

EverQuest does not disclose flag information for the feeling that can be judged from text.

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Chase '143 discloses determining and evaluating text for emotional connotations (abstract) and the information is flagged (column 4, lines 5-50, categories and ratings).

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide a system for analyzing text in order to raise the awareness of the emotional connotations of the text, enhancing the user's experience.

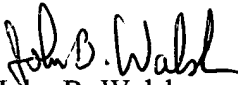
Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John B. Walsh whose telephone number is 571-272-7063. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 6:30-4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Zarni Maung can be reached on 571-272-3939. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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